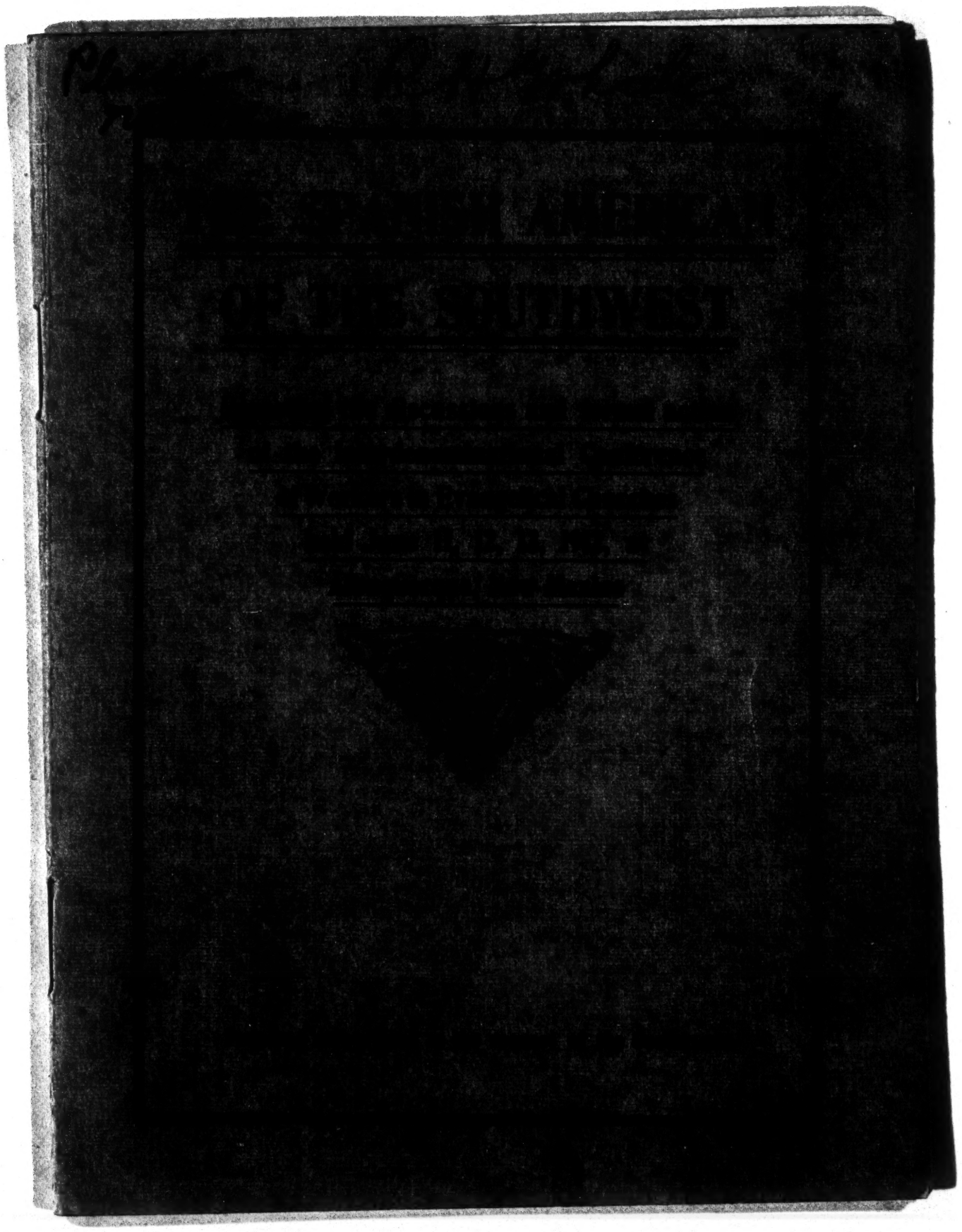

The Spanish American of the Southwest

BRIEF REPORT OF AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL CONFERENCE, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. JUNE, 1912

On June 11, 12 and 13, 1912, there was held at Albuquerque, New Mexico, a conference of workers in the various evangelical denominations interested in the evangelization of the Spanish American—often called the "Mexican" —of the southwestern portion of the United States.

The call for the conference was issued by the Home Missions Council, and active support was given by the constituent Boards directly concerned in this work. The move was an outgrowth of the general survey of religious conditions in western states conducted during the first half of 1912. It was apparent that the problem of the Spanish-speaking population required separate treatment. No common fund of information was available. No attempt had been made to bring together the numerous evangelical forces in a large way. Those in one state were working in ignorance of what their friends even of the same church affiliation were doing in a neighboring state.

This conference was at least a step in the direction of closer cooperation. There were between forty and fifty present. The sessions covered four half-days and two evenings.

A Distinct Problem

The prevailing use of the Spanish language makes the problem distinct. The mere fact of race is not definitive. Our American population is one tangle of diverse racial elements. But any civilization is embarrassed by the vernacular use of two or more languages. Special methods must be used to reach population alienated from the common mass by a foreign speech. Though many of these people are native to our soil for generations,—some indeed have descended from those in whose veins European blood flowed and who dwelt upon this soil before the Pilgrim Fathers landed on Plymouth Rock,—yet the Spanish language has to this day proved a barrier to their incorporation in American civilization.

The Problem Double

Yet the problem has two faces. Here is an alien population long native to the soil, but here is also an immigration problem, and one almost unique among our many. In the case of the most of the peoples coming in numbers to American shores, while the sense of nationality is often strong, yet they more or less readily yield to the appeal of American citizenship. There is coming to us, however, from Mexico an immigration which the sense of nationality embitters against American citizenship. They do not intend to become citizens; they resent the suggestion that they become citizens; one of the missionaries at the conference, himself a Mexican, declared that if he should advocate naturalization among the people of his parish he would be

shot, a prediction in which several others with opportunity to know conditions declared he was justified. Many of these people are Americans and are proud of their citizenship; a large number of others are alien in their deepest sentiments, and propose to remain permanently alien. This conditions complicates the problem and greatly increases the difficulty.

Distribution

Five states are definitely involved. Mexican laborers are scattered in groups in other states. The Santa Fe Railroad, for example, employs Mexican construction gangs far along its lines beyond the limits of this prescribed territory. Yet Spanish American communities are practically confined to these five states and to only portions of some of them.

This is perhaps of advantage to the forces responsible for a spiritual ministry, though the territory is still vast, and the social conditions vary greatly. The Mexican community of Southern California is very different from that of New Mexico or Southern Colorado.

Though no authoritative figures are available, estimates compiled with care at the conference run as follows: California, 150,000 confined almost entirely to the southern portion, and including only about 30,000 non-immigrants; Arizona, about 45,000, of whom 30,000 are foreign born and 15,000 born on American soil; New Mexico, estimated from 120,000 to 185,000, it being the general conviction that the population of the state is at least 50 per cent. Spanish-speaking, which would set the figures at 162,500. Colorado, 35,000 to 50,000, confined almost entirely to the southern por-

tion of the state; Texas, 265,000 to 300,000, and it is felt by many that 350,000 would still be conservative. The totals are thus variously estimated from 615,000 to 735,000, with some of the most intelligent workers on the field putting the total at 750,000 to 800,000.

It is observed that the problem is large even upon the lowest estimate. Those who have grown accustomed to refer to "the 350,000 Spanish Americans in our Southwest" should almost double their figures. The actual numbers have been heretofore underestimated, and recent immigration from Mexico has done the rest toward bringing the figures to their new standard.

GENERAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Mexicans are mostly laborers. Originally all were directly dependent upon agriculture, though unorganized home manufactures have always occupied a proportion of the population. In recent years numbers are employed in railroad construction and in shops, and to some extent in factories. They also work in the mines and in the humbler occupations of the growing cities. Some keep stores and shops in every community. Already a limited number are possessed of independent means.

They are keen politicians and as a race incline to participate in political movements. The Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico is a "Mexican," as is also the Secretary of State, the latter being spoken of especially in the conference as a man of high character. It is a part of the public policy in this state to obliterate racial distinctions in the cit-

izenship. That fact among others accounts for the difficulty in gathering definite statistics.

There is much and probably increasing drunkenness. The Spanish are said, however, to be a naturally temperate people. One of the members of the conference, for years resident in a Brazilian city, insisted that the saloon is an American institution, not Spanish or Mexican. The natural antagonism of this population to the saloon is further revealed in their attitude toward the incipient prohibition movement of New Mexico. One member of the conference told of being supplied by a Mexican saloon keeper with a petition for temperance legislation signed by seventy-four Mexicans. It is alleged that the liquor interests fear to submit the question of prohibition to popular vote since the Mexican element is sure to be rallied in opposition to the saloon. Eighty per cent. of the Mexican vote could be counted upon in favor of prohibition. Even those now keeping saloon often deprecate the increasing drunkenness of the region, and would be glad, for their sons' sake, to suppress the liquor traffic.

EDUCATIONAL CONDITIONS AND THE MISSION SCHOOLS

A comment of one of the members of the conference runs: "It is no reflection on the American public school system as a whole to say that in exceptional cases and for exceptional people it is neither adequate nor sufficient. And such exceptions obtain as a rule among the Mexican people." The Roman Church holding sway over this population has not been zealous to educate. Illiteracy prevails in most com-

munities. The persistent effort of mission schools has done much to relieve this situation. Yet at no point can better service be rendered to this neglected people than in extending a system of public education and elevating its standards.

A number of so-called plaza schools are still maintained. This was once a more general method of missionary effort than now. The plaza school is located in the center of a village and is conducted as a day school, usually with but one teacher.

The tendency of late years has been for missionary boards to withdraw from this field as the public school system has extended, and to concentrate effort upon boarding schools, carrying students through higher grades. There are plaza schools only in New Mexico and Colorado, the system not having been employed by missionary agencies in the other three states. It is estimated that there are 1,460 pupils in these schools.

By several of the missionary workers the premature withdrawal of the plaza schools was deprecated. It was recognized that they should properly give place to public schools, but several expressed disappointment that the policy was pushed so rapidly as to embarrass certain needy communities.

Boarding Schools

Missionary agencies maintain several more or less pretentious plants. The attention of the conference was called to one Methodist school with 60 pupils, and one Presbyterian with 25, in California; one Methodist with 55 pupils in Arizona; three Presbyterians with 266 pupils, one Congre-

gational with 40, two Methodist with 78, in New Mexico. There appears to be none in Colorado. No definite report was forthcoming from Texas, though it is understood that boarding schools are already operating or are being established. The total enrollment for these schools so far as is known runs over 500.

Emphasis in the conference was repeatedly laid upon the need of thorough industrial training. One Mexican minister was specially emphatic, pleading that the people should be trained not only in the technique but in the spirit of industry; that labor should be given a worthfulness and dignity in their eyes as a means not only of economic but of spiritual quickening.

The boarding schools aim more and more to raise their standards, one or two already carrying students through the branches of the ordinary high school grades. Leaders are thus being supplied not alone for religious work, but men and women of character are being sent out into the communities to follow a variety of useful vocations.

Informing statements were made to the conference from the principals of three or four of these boarding schools, memoranda from which are the following:

The Harwood Industrial School for Girls, at Albuquerque, is conducted under Methodist auspices. Students are carried through the ninth grade, and emphasis is laid upon housework and sewing; instruction is mainly in English, but now Spanish grammar and Spanish Bible are taught. The plant is worth $28,000. A charge of $8.00 per month is made of all those able to pay, and scholarships are solicited for the rest. Forty-eight pupils were in attend-

ance last year; the capacity of the school is fifty. Six teachers were employed. No pupils younger than seven are ordinarily accepted. An annual budget of about $4,000 is required.

The Menaul Boys' School, at Albuquerque, is under Presbyterian auspices. The plant is located two and one-half miles from the town. The capacity is 140; 156 were in attendance last year, and 86 were turned away at the opening of the school session. Students are carried to the eleventh grade. In the higher grades Spanish is taught instead of Latin. The boys do practical industrial work, including the care of the house, serving of meals, building construction, and agricultural husbandry on 200 acres of land in considerable part under irrigation. A charge of $75.00 is made for each school term, collected directly from the parents of the pupils in the case of about one-half. The instruction is in English and the vernacular of the school is English. Several graduates have gone to colleges and theological seminaries at the distance. Others are employed in useful vocations in the region, some attaining marked skill in culinary and mechanical lines. The budget for last year was $45,000.

An industrial school is also maintained under Congregational auspices at Albuquerque, the move being induced by the over-crowded condition of the Menaul School. An experiment in the way of co-education is being made. The industrial training includes blacksmithing, carpentry, dairying, and is soon to extend to agriculture. The school has a capacity for 40 and aims to receive none under ten, though exceptions are made. Students are advanced to the eighth

grade. A charge of $60.00 per school year is asked, though those unable to pay are received. The work is all in English. Seven teachers are employed. The emphasis is laid on educational rather than purely religious features, though all the force is pronouncedly Christian. Care is taken not to do violence to Catholic sentiments in the conviction that the schools should not teach disrespect for parents or parents' religious faith, though it is recognized that education inevitably undermines the Roman system prevailing in the Southwest.

EVANGELIZATION

Organized work was begun by one or more of the evangelical denominations in this region at least as early as the 'seventies. The net result to date in Protestant membership is comparatively meager. It is estimated that a little over one per cent. of the Spanish-speaking population is in the membership of Protestant churches. It is thought by many that the present marks an opportunity for advance unparalleled. The leader of one of the denominations in the conference declared that with requisite backing and cooperation among the forces Protestant membership could be doubled in a year, and in five years the power of superstition and the paganized forms of Christianity could be broken down.

On the other hand, the leader of one of the other denominations in the conference has recently expressed his judgment in print as follows:

"We do not expect to convert the entire Mexican population to Protestantism. We do expect to do two things: First, to dissem-

inate the light and the truth throughout the entire community, thus elevating the standard of faith and life in the Catholic church; and, second, to gather out of each community where we are working at least a few thoroughly converted people who shall be a sample of the faith we preach. Our work in the Mexican towns has thus far been largely in the direction of the first of these aims. It has been good, useful work. I have long felt, however, that we ought to do more than we have in the line of the second aim—making converts. This is not an easy thing to do. It is easier to make 'perverts' than to make converts, easier to disturb their faith in a system that involves so many superstitions and absurdities, than to substitute for it a system of pure truth and high morals. We have let in the light. Many see it, but few are willing to walk in it. It is hard for the Mexican to 'come out from among them and be separate and touch not the unclean thing.'"

Though a thorough canvass of the field and the forces has not been made the following estimates were carefully brought together at the conferences.

Workers

Including ordained ministers and lay workers engaged directly in church work, and not including teachers in the mission schools, there are known to be in California, Methodist 5, Presbyterian 8, Baptist 5, others 4, which equal 22. In Arizona, Methodist 2, Baptist 2, Methodist South 2, Presbyterian 4, which equal 10. In New Mexico, Methodist 24, Methodist South 1, Baptist 2, Presbyterian 18, Congregational 3, others 3, which equal 51. In Texas, Methodist South 11, Presbyterian South 10, Baptist South 20, Episcopal 1, Congregational 1, Methodist 1, others 4, which equal 47. In Colorado, Baptist 1, Methodist 1, Presbyterian 6,

which equal 8. Total, 138. It is estimated that in addition there are 8 or 10 women workers in evangelistic or social work not in schools.

Church Organizations

Though it was not possible to get trace of every evangelical agency at work in this field there were known to members of the conference to be church organizations as follows: In California, Presbyterian 7, Methodist 3, Baptist 2, Congregational 2, others 3, which equal 17. In Arizona, Presbyterian 5, Methodist 6, Methodist South 2, others 1, which equal 14. In New Mexico, Presbyterian 27, Methodist 41, Methodist South 1, Baptist 2, Congregational 3, Adventist 2, which equal 76. In Texas, Presbyterian 22, Methodist 2, Methodist South 14, Baptist 27, Congregational 1, Disciples 3, Episcopal 3, Adventist 1, Nazarene 1, which equal 74. In Colorado, Presbyterian 14, Methodist 4, Baptist 2, which equal 20. Total 201.

Church Membership

As already stated it is estimated that the evangelical church membership equals somewhat over one per cent. of the total population, even estimating the latter liberally. The conference was able to gather figures under this head as follows: In California, Methodist 90, Presbyterian 396, Baptist 40, Congregational 20, Nazarene 25, which equal 571. In Arizona, Methodist 288, Congregational 60, Baptist 15, Presbyterian 300, Methodist South 75, which equal 738. In

New Mexico, Methodist 2203, Baptist 60, Presbyterian 987, Congregational 60, which equal 3310. In Texas, Baptist 500, Presbyterian 1300, Methodist South 1000, Methodist 94, Disciples 50, Congregational 80, Nazarene 14, which equal 3038. In Colorado, Methodist 98, Baptist 50, Presbyterian 510, which equal 658. Total 8315.

PLANS FOR PERMANENT COOPERATION

A committee appointed in advance brought in a series of resolutions which were protractedly discussed and after addition and amendment are as follows:

With Regard to Cooperation Between Church and School

1. That Church and School, being parts of one and the same work of elevating and Christianizing the Mexican people, should be conducted in the closest cooperation, and to this end should so far as practicable be conducted under the direction of the same superintendency on the field.

2. That the plaza schools, where conducted, should be followed up by evangelistic and church work, but with such discretion as not seriously to hamper their usefulness as schools.

3. That pupils who are converted or influenced in the boarding schools be, so far as possible, brought into touch with church workers in their home town or district, whether of their own or other denominations.

4. That this Conference heartily approves of the Interdenominational Teachers' Conference already organized in New Mexico.

5. That this Conference recommend to the Boards engaged in educational work among the Spanish-speaking people the standardization of the educational work with regard to qualification of teachers, salaries paid, and grade of work done.

With Regard to Cooperation Between Denominations

1. That there should be concerted effort among all denominations to promote a kindlier and more helpful attitude on the part of English-speaking people towards the Spanish-speaking people.

2. That the different denominations engaged in Spanish-speaking work should cooperate in producing the best possible Spanish religious literature specially adapted to the work in the Southwest. (Approved and referred to the Permanent Council).

3. That an interdenominational Spanish paper or papers be published for the use of all religious agencies working in the Southwest that care to use them. (Approved and referred to the Permanent Council).

4. That the different denominations engaged in this work should seriously consider the advisability and practicability of starting an Interdenominational Training School for religious workers, both ministerial and lay, to be located in the center of the Mexican district. (Referred, without recommendation, to the Permanent Council).

5. That there should be concerted effort on the part of all agencies at work in this field to reveal to the Mexican people that the evangelical churches are one in the essentials of the faith.

6. That members removing to towns or localities in which there is no church of their own denomination and where there is one of another denomination should be urged to join or at least affiliate with the latter.

7. That ministers and evangelistis by interchange of courtesies and by cooperation in evangelistic meetings seek to promote the spirit of unity and develop a solidarity in our forces.

A Permanent Interdenominational Council

Resolved—

First. That this Conference in cooperation with the Home Missions Council institute a Permanent Interdenominational Council on Evangelical Work among Spanish-speaking people of the South-

west, which (1) shall be composed of one representative from the field for each of the religious bodies concerned, and one officer or member of each of the national boards or agencies administering work among these people; (2) shall organize to perform its duties as may seem wise to it; (3) shall encourage and actively promote measures of common interest and value for the evangelical work and workers in the field prescribed; (4) shall maintain a living survey of conditions among the Spanish-speaking population of the Southwest; (5) shall consider arranging for and promoting annual institutes or conferences of the workers in this field, organized by groups within the five civil units at present involved, viz., California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, or otherwise as may seem best; (6) shall consider arranging that each third year these five—more or less—groups shall meet in a general conference or institute at one center; (7) shall through these conferences or otherwise study the problem of this field and work, and encourage such a degree of cooperation in method and aim as shall best promote the work of each agency and the whole enterprise of evangelization and uplift; (8) and shall suggest principles and methods of comity to the religious bodies and missionary agencies cooperating, so as to insure economy of expense and avoidance of spiritual neglect in any region of this field.

Second. That this Permanent Council and the plans proposed do not destroy the autonomy of any religious body or missionary agency in the conduct of its work.

Third. That representatives of each denomination in this Conference may name the field representative for their denomination upon the proposed Council on Evangelical Work among the Spanish-speaking people, and present his name to the Home Missions Council through its denominational Board. In case of failure to do so here and now the Home Missions Council shall fill the place with an appointee of the denomination in question, and in the case of vacancies in the membership of the Council the Home Missions Council shall fill them in the same way.

APPENDIX

For more ready reference the estimate presented in the foregoing pages are gathered below in a table which explains itself.

Evangelical Work Among the Spanish-Speaking People of the Southwest in the United States

POPULATION.	Missions Schools.			Church Workers.	Church Organizations.	Church Members.
	Plaza.	Boarding Schs. No.	Boarding Schs. Total Pupils.			
California 150,000	0	2	85	22	17	571
Arizona 45,000	0	1	55	10	14	738
New Mexico ..120,000 to 185,000	20	6	384	51	76	3310
Colorado ..... 35,000 to 50,000	6	0	0	8	20	658
Texas .....300,000 to 400,000	0	*	*	47	74	3038
Total .....650,000 to 800,000	26	.....	.....	138	201	8315

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Third Meeting

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August 27—September 1, 1913

At Harwood Home

Albuquerque, N. M.

Program

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:45 Devotions, leader, Rev. J. H. Heald.
9:15 Welcome, Miss Cora E. Blood.
Response by the President.
9:40 Business session.
10:15 "Good Cheer as an Asset to Mission Work," Miss Alice Hyson.
10:40 "How to Become a Factor in the Homes and Community" Miss L. W. Collings.
11:00 "The Teacher's Preparation: (a) as a Student; (b) "as a Teacher," Miss Ina F. Scott.
11:30 "Mistakes in Teaching," Miss Elizabeth Craig.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 "What Place Should be given to Spanish in the Curriculum of Our Boarding Schools," Miss Jennie Mintier.
2:30 "Ways of Encouraging the Use of English," Miss Olinda Meeker.
3:00 "How to secure a more Accurate Pronunciation of English," Miss Pearl English.
3:25 "How to Select Pupils for the Boarding Schools who are Worthy of a Place," Miss Ida L. Frost.
3:50 Address, Rev. S. Alonzo Bright, D. D.

EVENING

Getting acquainted again, at the Harwood Home.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

MORNING SESSION

8:45 Devotions, leader, Rev. C. A. Foreman.
9:15 "Can we derive any practical help from the Montessori Method of Teaching Reading," Miss Anna I. Fox.
9:45 "Can we derive any practical help from the Montessori Method of Teaching Writing" Miss Stella Orwine.
10:15 "Is the Montessori Method of Teaching of Arithmetic practical for us," Miss Sara Montoya.
10:45 "Literature in our Schools" Mr. M. B. Hunter.
11:15 "Echoes from the N. E. A." Miss E. Gillespie.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 "Substitutes for Corporal Punishment," Mrs. A. C. Heyman.
2:30 "What value may we derive from the Montessori Idea of Disciplining," Miss Jennie Nichols.
3:00 "Mistakes in Disciplining," Miss Sawhill.
3:30 "Home Life in the Boarding Schools and its influence on the pupils," Miss Neda J. Walden.
3:50 Address, Rev. Robt. McLean, D. D.

EVENING

Musical entertainment, Mr. Andrews and others, at First Presbyterian Church.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

MORNING SESSION

8:45 Devotions, leader, Rev. C. O. Beckman.
9:15 "Agriculture," Mr. A. C. Heyman.
9:45 "Mechanics," Mr. D. R. Jennings.
10:15 "Drawing," Miss Frances Davis.
10:45 "Some best methods of Bible Study and How to secure Personal Bible Study," Miss M. J. Tripp.
11:15 Address on Educational Methods, Supt. M. C. Allaben.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 "Qualities of Character needed by the Mission Teacher," Miss Millicent Woods.
2:30 "How can we make our influence felt for Christ on our pupils," Miss E. A. Bell.
3:00 "What type of religious experience ought we to expect and try to promote among our pupils," Miss Olive G. Gibson.
3:30 "How to develop responsibility in our pupils," Mr. Melecio Trujillo.
3:50 "The Ideal Missionary," Rev. J. H. Heald, D. D.

EVENING AT MENAUL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

MORNING SESSION

8:45 Devotions, leader, Rev. T. L. Dyer.
9:15 "The value of a knowledge of Hygiene and Medical Practice for the Mission Teacher," Miss Alice Blake.
9:45 "Teaching Hygiene in the School," Miss Abbie Sawyer.
10:15 "How to present Sex Hygiene," Mr. J. C. Ross.
10:45 "What may we reasonably expect as a result of our work," Miss Lucy Craig.
11:15 "Personality a factor in teaching," Miss Ora Gates.

Afternoon given to seeing Albuquerque.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Regular church services in the morning.
4:00 Observation of the Lord's Supper.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:45 Devotions, leader, Rev. H. P. Williams.
9:15 "The nature of Christian teachings before and after conversion," Mrs. J. C. Ross.
9:45 "How to teach the people relative values," Rev. S. L. Hernandez.
10:15 "How to develop a desire for higher education," Mrs. L. A. Collings.
10:45 "Our goal for the coming year," Rev. John R. Gass, D. D.
11:15 Final business session.

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All papers will be open for discussion. Study other subjects as well as your own.

Rooms and Board will be provided at the Harwood Home.

If for any reason you will not be able to attend this meeting and take part assigned, kindly notify the Secretary promptly.

Kindly notify Miss Cora E. Blood, Harwood Home, Albuquerque, of the date of your arrival, as soon as you know.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Moments of Quiet Before God, Rev. Dr. Davidson, Pastor Albuquerque Congregational Church.

1:45 Latin-American Co-Education, Rev. Josiah H. Heald, D. D., Supt. Congregational Home Missions, New Mexico, Arizona and Western Texas.

2:10 Discussion led by Rev. H. A. Cooper, D. D., Pastor Albuquerque Presbyterian Church.

2:30 Business Session.

3:00 Making Democracy Safe Among the Mexicans Above the Border, Ten Minute Messages by Board Members and Field Leaders.

4:00 What the Forward Movement in the Church Will Mean to the Spanish-Americans.

4:30 Adjournment.

SUNDAY:

Special Services, "Albuquerque for Christ." Morning services in the various churches and missions.

Afternoon Mass Meeting at two-thirty. Addresses by Dr. S. G. Inman, Rev. Jose Venecia and Bishop Francis M. McConnell.

Evening—Evangelistic services in the city. Illustrated and Evangelistic in the Spanish churches. Missionary addresses in the American churches.

NOTES

Albuquerque is an old and well occupied center of Spanish Home Missions. It is on the main line Santa Fe.

New Mexico is said to be more than half Spanish-speaking. Due to its long years of good missionary work, the state was voted "dry."

Opportunity will be given for first hand investigation of four Mexican Industrial Institutes and several Mexican churches and colonies.

Topics herewith are mainly suggestive: Be prepared to briefly, lovingly, supplement and fill in on this Council of Peace along the Border. Substitutions will be made. Be ready.

In discussion, take no more than five minutes—three will be better. Be pointed and not pugnastic. Leaders of discussion may take eight minutes.

Bring photos, slides, curios for exhibit. Label each carefully.

Each Board represented is expected to provide ten dollars toward expenses and printing of report.

Voting membership of the Council consists of one board member and two field members for each Home Mission Board.

Most important that you write immediately Superintendent H. C. Donaldson that you are coming. If you cannot come send a hearty, suggestive greeting.

Let's take Jesus Christ to the Latin-Americans and leave Him there.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

March 6th, 7th and 8th, 1919

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

THURSDAY AFTERNOON:

3:00 Registration and Committees—Methodist Episcopal Church.

7:00 Pan-American Banquet—Young Men's Christian Association. (Seventy-five cents a Plate.) Toasts: Welcome—"For the City," City Manager Mr. Wade; "For the Students," Dr. J. H. Heald, Supt. Congregational; "For the Laymen," Ernest B. Garcia, Esq., Attorney, Albuquerque. Response, Rev. E. R. Brown, D. D., Supt. of Baptist Home Missions. Address—"Latin America, Past and Future," Rev. S. G. Inman, D. D., Executive Secretary American Section Committee on Co-operation in Latin America.

FRIDAY MORNING:

8:30 Upper Room Half Hour—A. G. Axtell, Superintendent Rio Grande Industrial School.

9:00 Organization and Business.

9:30 Missionary Aspects of the Border Situation, The Rev. Edward Laird Mills, D. D., Secretary Dept. of Frontier Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Methodist Episcopal Church.

9:50 Discussion led by Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Superintendent Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas.

10:20 What Is a Well-Organized Latin-American Church? Rev. J. E. McAffee, D. D., General Secretary Congregational Board of Home Missions.

10:40 Discussion led by Rev. J. F. Corbin, D. D., Presiding Elder Spanish Work Methodist Church South.

11:15 Tour of Inspection and Luncheon. Menaul Institute, Albuquerque College, Rio Grande Institute. Lunch at Harwood Girls' School.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

2:15 Our Vision, Rev. S. Alonzo Bright, D. D., Dist. Supt., Methodist Episcopal Church, New Mexico Mission Conference.

2:30 Christian Literature in Spanish,—Available and Needed, Dr. G. B. Winton, Editorial Secretary of Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, and Rev. F. F. Onderdonk, D. D., Supt. Spanish Missions Methodist Church South.

3:00 Discussion led by Rev. Vicente Mendoza, Sunday School Missionary in California, Methodist Eiscopal Church.

3:25 Women's Work Above the Border, Mrs. Ward Platt, Rev. A. C. Allaben, D. D., General Secretaries, Women's Boards Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

3:50 A Living Demonstration by Mexican Students from the Industrial Institutes of Albuquerque in charge of H. C. Donaldson, Supt. of Menaul.

4:45 Educational Program for Latin-Americans, Rev. B. P. Fullerton, D. D., Corresponding Secretary Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

5:10 Discussion led by Frank S. Wallace, President of Board of Trustees Spanish American Institute, Gardena, Cal.

FRIDAY EVENING:

6:15 Latin-American Dinner. Plates 35c (Students 25c). In charge of the Christian Endeavorers and Epworthians of the Albuquerque Institutions, led by Rev. Seneca B. Garcia, Sunday School Missionary in New Mexico, Methodist Episcopal Church. Music by Menaul Band. Toasts by Students: "Olden Days in New Mexico," "How New Mexico Went Dry," "Pioneers We Love to Honor."

7:30 Intercession for World Opportunities, Rev. C. O. Beckman, D. D., Pastor Albuquerque Methodist Episcopal Church.

7:45 Implications of Present Missionary Movements, Rev. Charles W. Blanpied, D. D., in charge Foreign Bureau Board of Home Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church.

8:15 Arousing the American Churches, Mrs. L. E. Troyer, Baptist Spanish Missions; Rev. Robert N. McLean, Supt. Presbyterian Spanish Work.

8:45 Latin-American Missions in the United States (Illustrated). Stereopticon Views of the Various Fields, Rev. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, D. D., Secretary Missionary Education Movement.

SATURDAY MORNING:

8:30 Voluntary Prayer and Testimony Meeting by Spanish Students in charge of Miss Tripp of Harwood Industrial School.

9:00 Latin-American Response to the Transition from Ritualistic to Experimental Religion: Are There Genuine Conversions? Rev. Harry A. Bassett, Dist. Supt. New Mexico Spanish District, Methodist Episcopal Church.

9:20 Discussion led by Rev. Jose Venecia, Pastor El Paso Presbyterian Church.

9:50 Our Present Problems and New Methods, F. G. Heslett.

10:15 Round Table Discussion.

11:00 Some Mexican Preachers I Have Met, Bishop Francis M. McConnell, D. D., LL. D.

12:00 Lunch.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

PERMANENT INTERDENOMINATIONAL COUNCIL

ON SPANISH-SPEAKING WORK

IN THE SOUTHWEST

Los Angeles, California

March 11-13, 1920

MINUTES OF THE
Eighth Annual Convention of the Permanent Interdenominational Council on Spanish-Speaking Work in the Southwest

Los Angeles, California, March 11-13, 1920.

On the evening of March eleventh the delegates and visitors met in an informal conference around the banquet table in the Y. M. C. A. Dr. S. Alonzo Bright officiated as toastmaster. Address of welcome was given by the Rev. Robert McLean, D.D. Response for the Council was given by the Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Thompson, president of the Home Missions Council, and the response for the field by Mr. Carlos Alviar, president of the Filipino Club of Los Angeles.

The address of the evening on "The Border for the Living Christ" was given by the Rev. Edwin R. Brown. The subject was treated in a most interesting manner.

FRIDAY MORNING

Opening session called to order by Dr. S. Alonzo Bright. The Rev. Geo. L. White, D.D., offered the opening prayer.

Mrs. L. E. Troyer was elected Secretary. The presiding officer announced that one Board member and two field members of each denomination co-operating in the Council would constitute the voting delegates.

The roll call showed the following list of delegates:

Presbyterian

Board Members—Rev. A. J. Montgomery, Miss Elizabeth Smith.
Field Members—Rev. Robt. N. McLean, D.D., Rev. Robt. McLean, D.D.

Methodist Episcopal

Board Member—Rev. S. Alonzo Bright, D.D.
Field Members—Rev. V. M. McCombs, D.D., Rev. H. A. Bassett, D.D.

Methodist Episcopal, South

Board Member— Rev. R. S. Russell, D.D.

Congregational

Field Member—Rev. A. B. Case.

Episcopal

Field Members—Miss Dawson, Deaconess Mary.

Baptist

Board Members—Rev. Geo. L. White, D.D., Miss Ina Shaw.
Field Members—Rev. Edwin R. Brown, Mrs. L. E. Troyer.

The following committees were announced by the Chair:

Survey and Occupation

Alonzo Russell, Geo. L. White, Robert McLean.

Resolutions and Findings

E. R. Brown, A. J. Montgomery, H. A. Bassett.

Nominations and Place of Conference

Robert N. McLean, Vernon M. McCombs, Mrs. L. E. Troyer.

The first topic treated at the morning session was "Americanization." The Rev. Robert N. McLean opened the discussion, treating in a helpful way the ideal relationship between Mexicans and Americans.

The Rev. A. B. Case followed on the theme of "The True Brotherly Attitude," and stated that he had found the Christian Centers the best means of promoting it.

Dr. Geo. L. White, D.D., called attention to "The Unappreciated Gifts and Talents of the Foreigners," and laid especial stress upon the work of the daily vacation Bible School.

This was followed by a very spirited and illuminating discussion. Dr. Campbell Coyle then gave the address of the morning on "The Encroachments of Romanism." He treated the subject in a fearless and very illuminating manner.

At eleven-thirty the quiet hour was conducted by Dr. A. W. Adkinson, whose topic was "The Higher Citizenship."

At noon the delegates had lunch in the social hall of the Plaza Mexican Methodist Episcopal Church, the Mexican center of the Methodist work, and later visited the Goodwill Industries.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Council reconvened at two o'clock, and Dr. A. Wesley Mell opened the discussion on "Bible Colportage Among the Mexicans." He laid special emphasis upon the imminent need of giving the Bible its rightful place in our land, in schools as well as in the church.

Discussions followed.

It was moved by Dr. McCombs that certain passages

be corrected as to their Spanish translation. It was moved, and motion prevailed, to refer the matter to the Committee on Resolutions.

Presentation of the Interchurch World Movement was followed by the Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Thompson. He showed how the aim of the Interchurch Movement was unity, with oneness emphasized and differences minimized: Unity, not union, the true issue.

Discussion followed on possible co-operative lines of work. The Rev. E. R. Brown suggested the idea of an interdenominational orphanage on the cottage plan to care for the many cases constantly arising.

Motion made by Mrs. Troyer that a committee be appointed to look into the feasability of establishing an Interdenominational Orphans' Home. Motion prevailed. Chair appointed committee consisting of Mrs. L. E. Troyer, Miss Katherine B. Higgins, and Miss Elizabeth Smith.

Motion by the Rev. E. R. Brown that the resolutions of last year be included in this year's publication. Motion prevailed.

FRIDAY EVENING

Session resumed at seven-thirty o'clock. Most helpful devotional hour for young people, led by the Rev. A. Wesley Mell.

Demonstrations of the Mexican people, under the direction of the Methodist and Baptist Churches, were then presented, and the splendid character of the work was shown.

The address of the evening was given by the Rev. A. J. Montgomery on "The Call to Service."

SATURDAY MORNING

Session opened at nine o'clock with Dr. Bright presiding. Devotional service led by Dr. A. J. Montgomery.

Dr. Robert N. McLean opened the discussion, speaking on "Publications." A futile search was made for an interdenominational paper supposed to be in existence. Lively discussions followed, resulting in a motion to send in a memorial to the Home Missions Council and the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America requesting that they confer with a committee sent

from this body, in regard to publications and other matters of vital interest to this Council. Motion prevailed. The following committee was appointed by the Chair: F. S. Onderdonk, A. J. Montgomery, and H. A. Bassett.

Dr. McCombs followed, speaking on "Administration." Many helpful points were suggested.

Dr. Robert N. McLean spoke on definite objectives, "Soul Winning and Stewardship." Motion made that the Chair appoint a Committee on Goals. Drs. Bassett, McLean, and Russell were appointed.

Miss Rena Cathcart then presented the objectives of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. among the Mexicans. They are seeking to avoid duplication. Co-operation is sought.

Illness prevented the attendance of Dr. J. A. Phillips. However, he sent in a carefully prepared address on "The Basis of Real Union Between Evangelical Churches."

Reports of Committees were called for. The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report:

Officers

For President, Rev. J. H. Heald, D.D.
For First Vice-President, Rev. H. A. Bassett, D.D.
For Second Vice-President, Rev. F. S. Onderdonk.
For Secretary, Rev. Edwin R. Brown.

Executive Committee

Drs. Heald, Bassett, Onderdonk, Rev. E. R. Brown, Mrs. L. E. Troyer, Drs. R. N. McLean, and A. B. Case.

The Committee also reported in favor of New York City as the place of meeting; date to be in January, just preceding the meeting of the Home Missions Council.

As Committee on Arrangements, the following were nominated: Drs. C. W. Blanpied, S. G. Inman, and H. A. Bassett.

Upon motion, the reports of the foregoing committees were adopted, and the officers were duly elected.

It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the various Boards represented, asking $25 from each Board to cover the expenses of this

Council for annual meetings, postage, publicity work, etc. Motion prevailed.

The newly-elected Vice-President, Doctor H. A. Bassett, was then called to the chair. Dr. Bright followed with a most earnest and uplifting devotional service.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Session called to order by Dr. H. A. Bassett.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Report of the Resolutions Committee

"The Committee on Resolutions and Findings begs leave to report as follows:

"That, it being the consensus of opinion of this Council that there is great need of Orphanages to provide Christian Homes for orphaned and abandoned Mexican children throughout the Southwest; be it therefore

"RESOLVED, that the various Boards and Societies represented be urged to make an immediate investigation of the conditions with a view of establishing such suitable institution as soon as possible.

"That in view of the inability of the members of the various co-operating Boards and Societies to be present at the sessions of the Council; be it

"RESOLVED, that it is the opinion of this Council that without the presence and co-operation of said Boards, representatives may be led to doubt the expediency of continuing the annual sessions of this Council.

"That, feeling most keenly the overwhelming need of evangelization and evangelistic work among the hundreds of Mexican immigrants into the Southwest, and believing that Americanization can most efficiently be accomplished through the Christianization of these peoples; be it

"RESOLVED, that this Council unanimously and urgently indicates to the co-operating Boards and Societies the necessity of immediate and adequate reinforcement and enlargement of the program of evangelization and Christian education for the Spanish-speaking peoples; be it

"Resolved, that there be urged upon said Boards and Societies a more careful consideration of the acts, findings and resolutions of this Council and that every effort be made to make same effective."

Resolutions Adopted in 1919

The resolutions presented and adopted at the previous annual session, held at Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 7, 1919, are hereby incorporated in the record of this year's proceedings:

The report of the Committee on Findings was given as follows:

(1) Whereas, this Council has expressed its judgment that the need of trained religious workers is most urgent; therefore, We, your Committee on Findings, recommend that the various Mission Boards concerned co-operate with the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America for the purpose of establishing at the earliest possible date an interdenominational Bible Training School.

(2) Whereas, Ninety per cent. of our material for courses of study for preachers and workers in and for all our churches in Spanish-speaking countries could consist of the same text-books, be it

RESOLVED: (1) That this body urgently requests the consideration of this matter by the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, by our various Missionary Boards, by the religious bodies on the fields and by those committees who are intrusted with the formation of courses of study for preachers;

(2) That we believe the major portion of all courses of study for preachers ought to include about the same books;

(3) That we request that all our Missionary Boards confer, making the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America a clearing house, and that a persistent effort be made by these Missionary Boards to give us courses of study for (1) Pastors, (2) Local Church workers and (3) Sunday-School workers.

At three o'clock the delegates and visitors made a tour of the various Mexican missions in the city.

SATURDAY EVENING

A splendid demonstration of Mexican work was presented by the Presbyterians and the Southern Methodists.

This was followed by an address by the Vice-President, the Rev. H. A. Bassett, D.D., on "The Call to Training."

The Rev. José Falcón gave the closing address on the same subject, and in a most forceful and helpful manner presented the need for trained workers.

The Council adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive Committee.

S. ALONZO BRIGHT, Chairman.
MRS. L. E. TROYER, Secretary.

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Permanent Interdenominational Council on Spanish-Speaking Work in the South-West

Auxiliary to
Home Missions Council
and
Council of Women for Home Missions

Minutes, Memorial to Home Mission Boards, Action of Special Conference of 1920, and Rules of Comity

Annual Meeting held January 10 and 11, 1921
New York City

Memorial to the Boards Passed By the Council at its Sixth Annual Meeting at Tucson, Ariz., March 1-3, 1918

The Permanent Interdenominational Council on Spanish-Speaking Work in the Southwest at its Sixth Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, would urgently press upon the mission boards engaged in this work the strategic importance of a greatly enlarged investment of interest and money for missions among Mexicans in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and California. There are a million and a half Mexicans in this section compared with seven hundred thousand only a few years ago. But the expenditures for mission work under these changed conditions still remain on an inadequate basis.

Not merely the numbers of our constituency have been so greatly increased, but the character of the new immigration from Mexico has made the work more difficult. Those who are Mexicans by race, but Americans by birth or the training of years are among our most loyal citizens and are responsive to missionary work carried on in our churches and schools. Among Spanish-speaking Americans of the third or fourth generations of Protestant faith and training, we may expect to find the leaders of our Mexican population and the best missionaries to Mexico, if they are given adequate educational and religious opportunities. Not to "carry on" in the splendid work already accomplished would be a great calamity.

The recent refugees from disturbed and war-torn Mexico, who seek a temporary haven or a base of operations across our border, are, however, harder to reach and challenge the assimilative power of our Christian civilization. If many of them return after conditions are settled in their own country, they will either mediate between their own people and ours or they will intensify national antipathies. The result upon future relations with the Mexican people of intensive Christian effort just now among these immigrants will be something tremendous. The one exposed frontier of the United States, where we face the one nation likely to be generally unfriendly to us, ought by all considerations of national preparedness to be the focus of our most intense and efficient missionary activity.

In view of the fact that there is among the small force of workers representing four or five denominations a very perfect coöperation in planning and carrying out the educational and evangelistic work, and almost absolutely no over-

lapping and duplication, we feel that the mission boards may expect a very large efficiency from an adequate investment in this work. Careful survey of the field shows that each denomination may and should emphasize strongly its individual responsibility for the evangelization of Mexicans in the United States with a confidence that mutual coöperation between the workers of different denominations is making every investment count for the most possible.

In particular, therefore, we ask that at least once a year official representatives of the mission boards meet with the workers on the field in interdenominational conference for consideration of the work, that there be an immediate extension and development of the work to meet the tremendous increase of opportunity and responsibility, reaching as soon as may be, on account of increases in cost of work, as well as needed extension to at least three times the present combined appropriation of all the mission boards, and that, to this end, there should be undertaken a united and far-reaching campaign of publicity that the American people may know the seriousness of our problem with Mexicans in the United States and the necessity of promptly and adequately mobilizing Christian forces to meet it, if we are to guard our great Southwest from dangers, political and moral.

Special Conference of October, 1920

The facts stated in the above memorial and the appeal for a policy of increased work and advanced expenditures has been born out by the investigations of the Interchurch World Movement in 1920, the careful survey by Rev. Jay S. Stowell published jointly by the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions under the title "A Study of Mexicans and Spanish Americans in the United States," and by the special conference of Representatives of the Boards meeting with denominational field workers in Albuquerque, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas and Tucson, Arizona, October 6-9, 1920, at the invitation of the Joint Committee on Spanish-Speaking Peoples in the United States.

In keeping with the above memorial were the following findings of the special conference of 1920:

1. Voted to recommend to the Boards that within the next five years equipment for churches and schools be brought up to a high standard of efficiency, appropriateness and appeal.

2. We recommend that the Home Missions Councils call the serious attention of the Boards to the various groups of migrant Mexican workers such as:

A. California citrus laborers.

B. Railway workers: a. Santa Fe system; b. Southern Pacific system; c. Smaller railway groups.

C. Mexican Cotton Pickers: a. Imperial Valley in California; b. Yuma reclamation project; c. Salt River Valley in Arizona; d. Western Texas.

D. Pickers of Seasonal Fruits and Nuts: a. Walnut pickers; b. Peach and apricot pickers; c. Grape harvesters (Fresno, California; Cucamonga, California).

3. In view of the wide extent of the Mexican immigration throughout the entire country, we desire to call the attention of the local American Churches to the need of their respective communities and we recommend that a suggestive program be prepared for their use in meeting this need. (A leaflet prepared by Dr. Robert N. McLean of Los Angeles, Cal., under the title of "The Home for Neighborly Service" has been published by the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions and is available for use at cost price.)

4. We hereby call the attention of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions to the need for the extension of hospital and medical service among the Spanish-speaking people in the Southwest.

5. Voted that a Committee of general superintendents of Home Mission Boards of those denominations working in the Spanish-speaking field prepare for the January meeting a list of the most needy and strategic points for the development or enlargement of evangelistic social and medical work and that the committee also report as to the advisability of the larger use of Spanish-speaking Americans in church and evangelistic work.

6. The delegates of the Baptist Communion not concurring, we endorse the action of the Permanent Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking work in the Southwest, held at Los Angeles, California, March 11th to 13th, 1920, as follows:

"That, it being the consensus of opinion of this Council that there is great need of *orphanages to provide Christian Homes for orphans and abandoned Mexican children throughout the Southwest, be it therefore

"Resolved, That the various Boards and Societies represented be urged to make an immediate investigation of the conditions with a view of establishing such suitable institutions as soon as possible."

Comity Rules Adopted at Annual Meetings

At El Paso, Texas, March 4, 5, 1913:

1. One church shall not enter a field with a Spanish-speaking population of 1,500 or less where another denomination is at work, without the consent of such other denomination. The occupation of such field sufficient to hold same shall be understood to mean that at least one of the following conditions obtain:

a. Preaching once a month, or
b. A going Sunday School, or
c. A day or boarding school in operation.

*The Women's Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church South has under consideration for the year 1921 the starting of an orphanage for Mexican children at Laredo, Texas.

2. In fields having a Spanish-speaking population of from 1,500 to 3,500, new work shall not be begun without the consent of any denomination already in such field or the sanction of the Comity Committee of the Council having first been obtained.

3. The denomination or denominations occupying a strategic center shall be expected to occupy the small adjacent points of not more than 300 population (Spanish-speaking), and other denominations are expected not to enter such fields without the consent of the denomination held responsible therefor.

4. Other things being equal, the first right to enter a new field shall rest with the denomination having Spanish-speaking work most convenient thereto. Failing in that, the denominations having English-speaking work near at hand shall have the prior right to the field, and any other denomination desiring to enter such field shall first obtain the consent of these having such prior right or the sanction of this Council.

5. That at points with a population of from 1,500 to 3,500 Spanish-speaking population, where one or more denominations are at work, no other denomination shall begin work without the consent of those already occupying the field or by sanction of this Council.

6. That points with a population of 1,500 or less already occupied by two denominations be canvassed by the parties interested with a view to the consolidation of the two organizations, to be brought about by reciprocal exchanges or otherwise.

7. That all matters relating to comity concerning which the churches interested cannot arrive at a satisfactory agreement shall be referred to this Council or its comity committee for decision and that such decision shall be final.

8. That the good offices of the Comity Committee of this Council be requested in the location of churches in large communities where other denominations are at work.

9. That a Committee on Comity be appointed by the Council, to consist of one member from each denomination represented in the Council, shall act in all matters of disagreement which may be referred to it between meetings of the Council.

At Tucson, Arizona, March 1-3, 1918:

The Comity agreements above printed were adopted and the following vote passed: "The Committee on Comity shall consist of one member for each denomination represented in the Council, to be nominated by the representatives of each denomination here present, and that in cases brought before the Committee for adjudication the members of the denominations who are parties to the case shall not participate."

In New York City, January 10, 11, 1921:

1. It was voted that three Committees on Comity be appointed for the several sections on the field among the Spanish-speaking people: one for California; one for the territory east of the Pecos River to the New Mexico east State line; one for the territory west of the Pecos River to the California State line; these committees to be composed of representatives of mission boards doing work among Spanish-speaking people. It is recommended that these committees meet at least semi-

annually and make report at the Annual Meeting of the Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking work in the Southwest.

2. And we who are present agree, so far as we have power so to do, to begin new work only after the Committee on Comity in the area concerned has had opportunity to pass upon the advisability of the proposed work.

3. For the Comity adjustments in Southern California it was voted that the Superintendent's Council of Southern California should act and that Miss Quinlan and Mr. Roundy have the responsibility for the appointment of the two other comity committees.

The Interdenominational Paper

The Interdenominational Council from its earliest meetings to the present time has gone repeatedly on record as in favor of an interdenominational paper for the church constituencies speaking the Spanish language. Tentative budgets have been prepared and all phases of the question have been variously discussed and reported upon. Always affirmative action has followed. At the January Conference in New York City it was

Voted that Miss Quinlan and Mr. Roundy be authorized to inquire of the Boards concerning the support of an interdenominational paper and to invite instructed representatives to act for the Boards in establishing such a paper.

Christian Education

In a changing civilization who can estimate what the Presbyterians, North and South, the Methodists, North and South, the Southern Baptists, the United Brethren, the Congregationalists and the others have done in the formation of Christian ideals and laying the foundations of Christian faith through their educational enterprises. Out of the Christian educational environment comes the leadership of the new day. Christian teachers are prepared by normal instruction for public school work; ideals of Americanization are implanted; mission school and community leaders are produced; the Christian ministry is recruited; the Christian atmosphere around home altars is obtained.

The Albuquerque Schools

At the Tucson Conference, October 8, 9, 1920, after a thorough study of the school situation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, it was voted that the continuance of the present schools is fully justified by the needs of the territory which they serve. Approval was given to the plans under advisement for the improvement of the equipment and the extension of the usefulness of these schools. At the same time in the development of future plans it was recommended, that, as far as practicable, the various schools, by mutual agreement, so arrange their work as to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort in providing for the needs of all classes of students.

The Interdenominational Training School

The Joint Annual Meeting of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions adopted the following recommendations already favorably acted upon by the Interdenominational Council on Spanish-Speaking Work in the Southwest:

1. That an interdenominational training school for the preparation for leaders in all departments of Spanish work but especially in the native Christian ministry be established at Albuquerque, New Mexico.
2. That the various Church Boards now functioning in the educational field consider carefully the question of federating and co-ordinating the agencies now at work.
3. That an interdenominational committee, chiefly resident in Albuquerque, be appointed whose duty shall be to carry out these plans as far as they can now be carried out and report to the next annual meetings of the Interdenominational Council, the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions.
4. And that the Committee consisting of Drs. Bassett, McLean and Principal Otto B. Sheibe be continued for the purposes of carrying out the above vote and that they have authority to add to their membership.

Educational Policies

The Joint Annual Meeting of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions adopted the following:

1. Voted that in view of the fact that at the best mission funds and personnel are more or less limited we suggest to the various Home Mission Boards doing educational work for the Spanish-Speaking People in the Southwest that the time has come for a policy of particular concentration of money and personnel on pupils from the beginning of the 7th grade upwards and that the preference in the selection of pupils be given to the adolescent as against the earlier ages.
2. Voted that we suggest to Boards doing educational work the importance of giving normal training to those preparing to teach in public schools of the states of the Southwest and that so far as possible the Boards take steps for the development of normal courses and departments for the meeting of these needs and the fulfilling of this very important need.
3. Voted approval of extension courses in use of mission schools and their properties for summer daily vacation Bible schools, night schools, Saturday classes, classes for adults and other forms.
4. The Chairman of the Joint Committee, Mrs. J. W. Downs, was authorized to appoint a committee of three on the preparation of cards to be used uniformly by the schools of the various Boards for the admission of pupils to the schools and their follow-up afterwards. The members of this committee are Miss Jennie Mathias, Miss Ruth K. Barber, and Dr. James M. Skinner.
5. Voted that Rev. J. S. Stowell be asked to prepare a brief manual of Religious Education for schools, such manual to be submitted to the Joint Committee for criticism and suggestion.

6. Voted that interdenominational educational supervision be provided by allocation of Boards for such periods as possible, two months or more at least desirable, for the purpose of studying schools and making recommendations along the following lines:

a. Educational problems from the missionary point of view.
b. Equipment including buildings, furniture, books, school materials, etc.
c. Curriculum and kindred matters.

It was further voted that we ask the Methodist Episcopal Church to allocate Mr. J. S. Stowell to the central area and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dr. J. M. Skinner of Laredo, Texas, to the eastern area.

New Schools

The General Mission Board of the Church of the Brethren has secured by purchase and donation 400 acres of land at Falfurrias, Texas, and the building program for the school is under way. The school will be industrial in nature for Mexican children in the United States. The school is largely under the direction of the State District of Texas, the General Mission Board serving only in an advisory capacity.

By vote of the Councils the Committee on Spanish-Speaking Peoples was authorized to request the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church to establish a school for boys, as recommended by the Tucson conference unless it appear that this plan conflicts with plans and rights of some other board or boards.

The officers of the Permanent Interdenominational Council on Spanish-Speaking Work in the Southwest, for 1921 are:

President—Rev. J. H. Heald, D.D., 505 Cliff Street, El Paso, Texas.

Vice-President—Rev. Robert N. McLean, D.D., 404 Columbia Building, Los Angeles, California.

Secretary—Rev. H. A. Bassett, D.D., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The members of Joint Committee on Spanish-Speaking Peoples in the United States of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions are:

Mrs. J. W. Downs, *Chairman*

Alice E. Bell
Charles A. Brooks
Mrs. Effie L. Cunningham
Baxter P. Fullerton
J. H. Heald
William M. Gilbert
Robert N. McLean
Homer McMillan
Mrs. Ward Platt
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G. I. Babcock
Elizabeth Clark

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President J. H. Heald, D.D., of El Paso, Texas, will preside at all sessions of the Convention.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

MORNING SESSION
(Seventh Floor)

9.30 A. M. Devotions led by President Heald.

9.45 A. M. Preliminary Business.
Appointment of Findings Committee.

10.00 A. M. Survey of the Field:

California	Rev. Vernon M. McCombs, D.D., 901 Wright & Callender Bldg., Los Angeles.
Arizona	Rev. Jay S. Stowell, 25 Madison Ave., New York.
New Mexico	Rev. H. A. Bassett, Albuquerque, N. M.
Texas	Rev. J. A. Phillips, D.D., Roswell, N. M.
Colorado	Rev. Robt. N. McLean, D.D., 404 Columbia Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.

Report of Committee on Interdenominational Training School, Dr. H. A. Bassett, *Chairman.*
Discussion, led by Dr. McLean.

Report of Committee on Interdenominational Paper, Dr. J. A. Phillips, *Chairman.*
Discussion, led by Dr. Heald.

12.30 P. M. Adjournment for Luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION
(Seventh Floor)

Rev. Samuel G. Inman, D.D., leader of the session.

2.00 P. M. Devotions led by Mrs. Fred S. Bennett.

Training for Leadership—The Interdenominational Training School.

Report of Committee.
Rev. H. A. Bassett, D.D., *Chairman.*
Discussion, led by Rev. Robert N. McLean, D.D.

Program of the Local Church for Migrant Mexican Groups.
Discussion, led by Dr. McLean.

EVENING SESSION
(Seventh Floor)

Rev. Jay S. Stowell, leader of the session.

7.45 P. M. Devotions led by Miss Florence E. Quinlan, *Executive Secretary of the Council of Women for Home Missions.*

The Mission Schools—Discussion, led by Mr. Stowell.

1. Their Aim and Purpose.
2. Curriculum and Extension Courses.
3. Religious Education.
4. Educational Supervision.
5. New Plans of Each Board.
6. Wanted, a Boys' School in Arizona, President Heald.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

MORNING SESSION
(Eighth Floor)

9.30 A. M. Devotions led by Dr. Alfred Wms. Anthony, *Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council.*

1. Report of the Findings Committee. Discussion and Action.
2. Other Business.
   a. Field Representative of the Councils.
   b. The Interdenominational Council—Its Future Relations to Home Boards and the Home Missions Councils.

2.30 P. M. Conference, Executives of Boards of Education.

EVENING SESSION
(Eighth Floor)

7.45 P. M. Meeting of the Joint Committee on Spanish Speaking Peoples in the United States.

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Conference of the Special Committee on Spanish-Speaking Work of the Home Missions Councils, Tucson, Arizona, Oct. 8 and 9, '20.

The conference opened at 9:00 A.M., October 8, at the Young Men's Christian Association with the following members present:

Dr. J.H. Heald, of the Congregational Church, El Paso,
Mr. McMillan, representing the Board of the Southern Presbyterian Church,
Dr. Cady, general secretary of the Congregational Board of Home Missions,
Dr. H.A. Bassett, district superintendent of Spanish work in Arizona and New Mexico for the Methodist Church,
Mr. Roundy, associate secretary of the Home Missions Council,
Mrs. Cunningham, of the Church of the Disciples of St. Louis, Mo.,
Miss V. May White of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.,
Dr. R.A. Brown, representing the Home Mission Baptist Association,
Miss Shaw, Western Supervisor of the American Baptist Home Mission Society,
Rev. Zeigler of Illinois, representing the General Mission Board of the Church of the Brethren,
Mrs. Westfall, representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society,
Mr. H.C. Donaldson, superintendent of Menaul School, Albuquerque,
Dr. R.N. McLean, Superintendent of Evangelical Work in the Southwest of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.,
Miss Edna R. Voss, Superintendent of Schools of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Dr. Heald was elected chairman of the conference and Miss Voss secretary, after which prayer was offered by Dr. McLean.

The members of the conference were introduced and each stated his official position and gave a brief outline of the work being done among the Spanish-speaking people of the Southwest by the particular organization which he represented.

<u>Congregational</u> work, reported by Dr. Heald:

Boarding School, the Rio Grande Industrial Co-educational, Albuquerque,
Day schools at Cubera,
San Mateo,
Marquez,

San Rafael,
Seboyeba,
Settlement house at East El Paso,
Average enrollment, about 60.
Two preachers, Albuquerque and El Paso.

Presbyterian U.S.A. under Woman's Board of Home Missions, reported by Mr. Donaldson:

Day Schools, 8,
Community Center, 1,
Medical Station, 1 with branch,
Boarding Schools, 3, with attendance of 330:
Santa Fe, New Mexico, girls,
Albuquerque, New Mexico, boys,
Los Angeles, California, girls.
Altogether, fifty workers. 1000 pupils reached.

Presbyterian U.S.A. under Board of Home Missions, reported by Dr. McLean:

57 churches and mission stations,
54 schools,
Community work at
Redlands,
San Bernadino,
Azusa,
San Gabriel,
Los Angeles.
Church membership over 3300.

Presbyterian U.S.A. reported by Mr. McMillan:

Work confined to Texas.
30 churches, 1700 membership.
Boys' School at Kingville, Texas.
Plans being made for industrial school for 200 boys on 700 acres of land.
Plans being made for opening a school for girls.
Committee aids in support of a department at Austin Theological Seminary for the training of Spanish workers.

Methodist Episcopal reported by Dr. Bassett:

50 or 60 organized churches under 15 preachers,
Church membership, 1000.
Four boarding schools:
Albuquerque College, Albuquerque, N.M. - boys,
Harwood Industrial School, Albuquerque, N.M., girls,
Industrial Settlement School, El Paso, Tex.,
Mary J. Platt, Tucson, Arizona, girls.

California work not reported.

Baptist - American Baptist Home Mission Society, reported by Miss Shaw and Dr. Brown:

Organizing Theological Seminary for Mexican workers, Los Angeles, Calif.
3 workers in Colorado - community work and kindergarten,
4 workers in Arizona - " " " "
5 " " Southern California - community work and kindergarten.
7 organized churches in 13 fields.

Church of the Disciples:

Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas, 7 workers -
Community work,
Kindergarten,
Placement Bureau.
Training work in connection with churches,
5 Evangelical centers from which visitation and evangelical work is carried on.

Church of the Brethren:

No work for Spanish-speaking people.

Dr. Bassett and Mr. Donaldson were appointed by the chairman a committee to arrange a trip to schools in the vicinity of Tucson. After conference the committee reported that the Chamber of Commerce of Tucson would provide cars and guides at 2:15 P.M. to take the members of the conference to schools and points of interest in the vicinity.

A committee composed of Dr. McLean, Dr. Bassett and Mr. Roundy, appointed by the chairman to consider the scope of the conference and to arrange a program, reported that in their opinion the conference was in no way legislative, but rather for the purpose of studying the situation first-hand with a view to recommending to the various Boards and agencies doing work among the Spanish-speaking people of the Southwest such action as can be agreed upon by the conference. The chairman, Dr. McLean, asked that his committee be instructed as to the topics which the conference wished to consider before bringing in a program. The request was granted and the committee, after a short interval during which recess was declared, recommended:

1. That a Findings Committee be appointed,
2. That the following program be carried out:

PROGRAM

10:30 - 11:30 - Evangelization

1. Unoccupied fields and Overlapping
2. Cars and autos
3. Colportage
4. Lady Missionaries

11:30 - 12:00 - Relation to other Agencies

1. Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.
2. Municipal, State and Federal Agencies for Americanization

12:00 - 1:00 - Education

1. Day Schools and Plaza Schools
2. Boys' School in Arizona
3. Higher Education
4. Interdenominational Training School

2:15 - Sight-seeing Trip.

7:30 - 8:30 - Equipment

1. Churches
2. Schools
3. Medical and Social Work.

8:30 - 9:30 - Interdenominational Paper

9:30 - 10:00 - Laison Officer

It was voted to request the program committee, with Mrs. Westfall and later Dr. Cady and Dr. Brown added, to act as the Committe on Findings. The program recommended was adopted.

Evangelization

Dr. Brown reported 2,000,000 Mexicans in the United States, many moving into Colorado, Kansas and Idaho. He thought there was little overlapping of work for these people and suggested Nogales as one of the most important unoccupied fields.

Dr. McLean reported calls for help in solving the problem of reaching the Mexicans from as far off as Washington and the Middle western states and asked how to answer such calls.

Miss White told of new work of the Woman's Board of the Presbyterian Church under a special secretary for social service, Miss Acheson. Dr. Bassett suggested using students in our schools who are studying Spanish, giving them small salaries and letting them hold services.

Mrs. Cunningham thought local churches should be furnished

with suggestions for meeting the problem and be given this responsibility.

Dr. McLean gave the following program for local churches furnished by his office:

1. Appointment of a Committee on Mexican Work
2. Appointment of an interpreter
3. Visits to Mexican Quarters
4. Invitation to Mexican mothers to an American home (selected for the purpose) for study of English.
5. Study of English and American customs through a study of objects in this home and daily routine - marketing, housekeeping, shopping, etc.
6. Establishment of Sunday School classes for children.
7. Establishment of classes for mothers.

Unoccupied border fields were discussed and the following were mentioned as being particularly in need of work:

Columbus, New Mexico,
Nogales, New Mexico,
Presideo, Texas,
Big Bend section of Texas,
Naco, Arizona.

Reports show that Tucson with 10,000 Mexicans has only two small congregations, that the ranch class of New Mexico is seldom reached and that in Los Angeles alone out of from 30,000 to 50,000 Mexicans, only 2,500 at most are touched.

The value of automobiles with stereoptican and tent equipment was discussed and the conclusion reached that union evangelists would not meet the need so successfully as denominational. This topic was referred to the Findings Committee, as was also that of colportage,with the suggestion for the latter that follow-up work by a Bible reader be made part of the program.

Relation to Other Agencies

It was felt that while close cooperation from the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and other agencies was to be hoped for, these organizations were not evangelical and therefore could not be counted upon for that phase of the work. The question was referred to the Findings Committee.

Municipal, State and Federal Agencies for Americanization:

Dr. McLean said he believed that Americanization should be a man-to-man problem - the Spirit permeating the work.

Miss White asked that instruction in Civics and government be given and that the use of English be enforced.

Mrs. Westfall said that much was being done along this line by the Women's Missionary Societies through their Christian Americanization secretaries.

Miss Shaw thought that we should have our own training schools for leaders and not be compelled to go to Mexico for workers who prove to be less enthusiastic over Americanization.

Dr. McLean felt that Mexican immigration, not the problem of Spanish-Americans, is the real problem, as from one-tenth to one-eighth of Mexico's population is today in the United States. The question was referred to the Findings Committee.

Education

The value of day schools was discussed. Dr. Heald felt that these schools are most valuable as feeders for the boarding schools but that when the public schools develop they should replace the mission schools, community centers taking the place of the latter.

The question of a Boys' School in Arizona was discussed. Mr. Zeigler reported that his Board was contemplating the establishment of a Mexican Boys' School in some needy and unoccupied portions of the Texas field.

The establishment of a union training school was also discussed and approved. Various locations were suggested. El Paso as the port of entry is the center of the Mexican problem, but its selection would necessitate putting Spanish-Americans from the North back into an atmosphere of Old Mexico. Albuquerque or Tucson would be in the midst of the Spanish-American population. None of these locations would draw California boys. A curriculum to cover four years beyond high school, a combination of college and seminary, was suggested as a beginning with the idea of gradually extending the three until a full college and seminary course should be provided. The question was referred to the Findings Committee.

It was voted to adjourn until 7:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M. - October 8.

The conference with Mrs. Cunningham in the chair continued its discussion of the training school with the result that the Findings Committee was instructed to recommend that there be established an interdenominational training school for religious workers among Spanish-speaking people in the Southwest and that this school be located at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Findings Committee was further instructed to recommend that those Boards having membership in the Council of Women for Home Missions consider, in connection with this school, the establishment of a similar school for women.

Equipment

It was voted to recommend to the Boards and agencies that within the next five years equipment for churches and schools be brought up to a high standard of efficiency, appropriateness and appeal.

The great need for medical work was discussed and the Findings Committee was instructed to emphasize this phase of the church's work in its report.

The conference was of the opinion that there should be the closest cooperation between the work of the evangelist and the woman social worker.

Interdenominational Paper for Spanish-speaking Peoples of the Southwest.

The question of the establishment of an interdenominational paper was discussed at length. It was reported that the interdenominational paper put out in Porto Rico has proved a success. Dr. McLean stated that he came to the conference instructed not to vote for such a publication. Many members felt that an interdenominational paper in Spanish would tend to retard the knowledge and use of the English language.

Miss White favored two columns, one English, the other Spanish.

It was finally voted that the subject of an interdenominational paper be postponed until the meeting of the conference in New York in January.

Laison Officer.

After discussion of the advisability of a laison officer it was voted to commend Paragraph 8 of "A Study of Mexicans and Spanish-Americans in the United States" by Jay S. Stowell to the attention of superintendents of Board schools doing work in the Southwest.

It was voted to adjourn until 10:30 A.M., October 9.

The conference reassembled at 10:30 A.M. October 9, with Dr. Heald in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Cary of Arizona.

Dr. McLean, as chairman, brought in the report of the Findings Committee as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINDINGS NAMED
BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SPANISH-SPEAKING WORK OF THE
HOME MISSIONS COUNCILS.

We, the members of the Committee on Findings appointed by the Special Committee on Spanish-speaking work called by the Home Missions Councils, hereby present the following as the findings of the Conference held at Tucson, Arizona, October 8th and 9th.

1. It is the opinion of this Committee, after a thorough study of the school situation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, that the continuance of the present schools is fully justified by the needs of the territory which they serve. We further approve of the plans under advisement for the improvement of the equipment and the extension of the usefulness of these schools.

In the development of future plans, we recommend, that as far as practicable, the various schools, by mutual agreement, so arrange their work as to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and

provide for the needs of all classes of students.

2. In view of the fact that there is no boys' school for Spanish-speaking people in the whole state of Arizona, we hereby call the attention of the Home Missions Councils to the needs and opportunities of this field, recommending that the Councils take immediate action to meet the situation.

3. We commend the purpose of the General Missionary Board of the Church of the Brethren to establish a Mexican Boys' School in some needy and unoccupied portion of the Texas field, and we recommend that in their future plans, they communicate and colaborate with the Home Missions Councils previous to the January meeting.

4. We recommend, the delegates of the Baptist Communion not concurring, that an Interdenominational Training School for religious workers be established among the Spanish-speaking people in the Southwest. Furthermore, it is the judgment of this Committee that such a school should be located at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

It is further recommended that those Boards having member- in the Council of Women for Home Missions, consider, in connection with this school, the establishment of a similar school for women.

We further desire emphatically to indicate that until such steps shall have been taken, the Protestant forces have reached an empasse in the prosecution of their work among the Spanish-speaking people in the United States.

5. In view of the wide extent of the Mexican immigration throughout the entire country, we desire to call the attention of the local American Churches to the need of their respective communities and we recommend that a suggestive program be prepared for their use in meeting this need.

6. We recommend that the American Baptist Home Missionary Society be invited to ingestigate the opportunity for the use of chapel cars to work among the Mexicans employed along the railways in the southwest.

7. We recommend that the Home Missions Councils call the serious attention of the Boards to the various groups of migrant Mexican workers such as:

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8. We highly commend the social and institutional activities of the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A., but we seriously call the attention of these organizations to the need of greater religious and evsngelistic effort among Mexican people.

9. (A finding was here adopted calling the attention of Home Missions Councils to the imperative need of better equipment for evangelistic, educational and social work among the Mexicans. The exact wording of this resolution will be found in the Secretary's notes.)

10. The delegates of the Baptist Communion not concurring, we endorse the action of the Permanent Interdenomination Council on Spanish-speaking work in the Southwest, held at Los Angeles, California, March 11th to 13th, 1920, as follows:

"That, it being the consensus of opinion of this Council that there is great need of orphanages to provide Christian Homes for orphaned and abandoned Mexican children throughout the Southwest, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the various Boards and Societies represented be urged to make an immediate investigation of the conditions with a view of establishing such suitable institution as soon as possible."

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. McLean,
Chairman of the Committee.

The report was adopted.

It was voted, the delegates of the Baptist Communion not concurring, that the Councils for Home Missions be asked to come to the January meeting with definite recommendations in regard to the establishment of an interdenominational Spanish paper.

It was voted that a committee consisting of Dr. Bassett, Dr. Sheibie and Dr. McLean be appointed to consider the question of a training school at Albuquerque and to bring in to the January meeting plans, costs, etc. for consideration.

It was moved and seconded that a committee of general superintendents of Home Mission Boards of those denominations working in the Spanish-speaking field prepare for the January meeting a list of the most needy and strategic points for the development or enlargement of evangelistic work.

The above motion was amended to include social and medical with evangelistic work and with the amendment was passed.

It was further voted that the above committee report as to the advisability of the larger use of Spanish-speaking Americans in church and evangelistic work.

It was voted to record the Conference's appreciation of the hospitality extended it by the Young Men's Christian Association and by the Tucson Chamber of Commerce and to request the Secretary to convey to these bodies the thanks of the Conference.

Mr. Roundy, in behalf of the Home Missions Councils, extended to all the delegates present an invitation to attend the January meeting of the Councils' Special Committee on work among Spanish-speaking people, to be held in New York January 11, 12 and 13. This meeting will follow that of the Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking work to be held in New York on January 7 and 8.

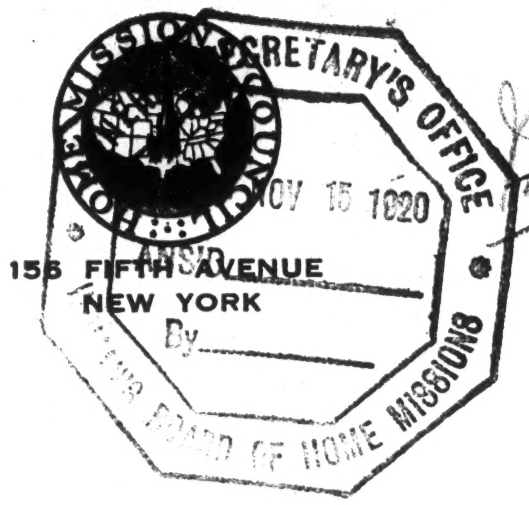
Mr. Roundy asked that the Spanish-speaking Council present a summarizing appealing survey of field and work in Texas, New Mexico, California, etc., including work for migrant groups, as a basis for the conference.

It was voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Edna P. Vaux.

Secretary.



Miss Dawson

November 13, 1920.

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Dear Friend: -

Enclosed find minutes of the Conference on Spanish Speaking Work in the Southwest. Please take note of the fact that in keeping with their vote of last March the Interdenominational Council on Spanish Speaking Work in the Southwest will hold its Annual Meeting here in New York, Monday, January 10 and Tuesday, January 11. You will notice that these days just precede the dates of the Annual Meeting of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions. It is the desire of the members of the Interdenominational Council that every Board doing work in the Southwest shall be represented by its responsible Secretary at these meetings. The Executive Secretaries of the two Home Missions Councils are particularly commissioned to get this responsible representation from all Boards. May we have your immediate reply to this request with the name of your representative?

Sincerely yours,

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Joint Committee on Spanish Speaking Peoples in the U.S., First Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas.

December 7, 1922 2 P.M.

Present - Mrs. Downs, Chairman, Miss Amy Blanche Greene, Dr. W. M. Fairley, (for Dr. Homer McMillan), Dr. A. J. Montgomery, Mr. R. C. Donaldson (for Miss Edna R. Voss), Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, Rev. Vernon M. McCombs, Mrs. E. L. Cunningham, Dr. George W. Hinman, Dr. R. L. McLean, Dr. J. H. Heald and Rodney W. Roundy.

Prayer was offered by Dr. McLean.

Mr. Roundy was made Secretary for the Meeting.

It was voted that the Chairman be authorized to prepare the report for the Annual Meeting of the Councils.

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It was voted that in the interests of common Christian welfare, in the case of a worker applying for service in another denomination from the one in which he is already employed that such employment shall not be given until after consultation with the proper official of the denomination he is purposing to leave.

It was voted to endorse the plan for interdenominational monthly councils of workers with Mexicans in the larger centers of population where such councils will be fruitful sources of harmony, inspiration and Christian fellowship.

It was voted that the matter of the establishment of orphanages for boys and girls of Spanish speaking parents deprived of proper homes be commended to the several boards for action as soon as possible.

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Voted that we approve of the principle of the definite allocation of missionary work among Spanish Speaking people in the Southwest to particular boards, such allocation involving proper exchange of territory where feasible and advisable.

Voted that we recommend to the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions that they urge upon the several boards the active promotion of missionary work for the Spanish speaking people in the Southwest and that the boards be urged to lay upon the conscience of the American Christian people an earnest responsibility for the evangelization of these people in all parts of the land, especially calling attention to the need for an increasing community emphasis in religious work for them.

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Secretary for the meeting.

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The School Department
Ans. 11/22/21
Date OCT 1 1921
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October 10, 1921.

Important Announcement from the Chairman
of the
Joint Committee on Spanish Speaking Peoples in the U.S.

Information is at hand from Rev. J. A. Phillips of Roswell, New Mexico President of the Interdenominational Council on Work among Spanish Speaking People in the Southwest, to the effect that the meeting this year will go forward as scheduled in San Antonio, Texas and that the date while not yet exactly fixed will be in the week ending or the week beginning December 11, 1921.

This letter is addressed to you in order that it may call your attention freshly to the important matters which have been pending during the past year. They may be listed as follows: -

1. Interdenominational Training School for preachers and Christian workers
2. Interdenominational paper.
3. Matters of Comity and Cooperation
4. New emphases in school work
5. The study of special areas, for example, the Mexicans in the United States on or near the Texas-Mexico border. Have you further suggestions in reference to the program?

The field superintendents in this particular branch of work feel that ~~xxx~~their Council was mothered by our Home Missions Council and that in recent years it has not been given sufficient attention by the Board secretaries who are specialists in this field. Will you not plan to see that your Board is represented at the San Antonio meeting in December?

In order that the field workers of each Board are sufficiently informed concerning the coming meeting in December, as representing your Board you are asked to send to Rev. J. A. Phillips, 301 W. Tilden Street, Roswell, New Mexico, the names of missionaries working under your Board whom you desire to have invited to the San Antonio meeting. Please see that these addresses are sent immediately.

RODNEY W. ROUNDY
Home Missions Council

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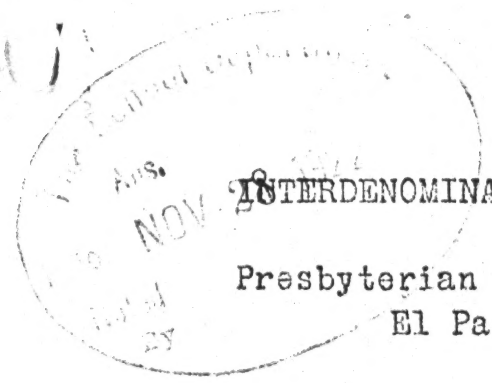

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Annual Meeting
of the
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IN THE SOUTHWEST
Presbyterian Church, corner of Mesa St. & Yandell Blvd.
El Paso, Texas, December 5, 6, 7, 1922.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

3.00 P.M. Tour of Visitation of El Paso Missions
7.30 P.M. Devotional Exercises
7.45 P.M. Address of Welcome — J. H. Heald, D.D.
Reply — President F. S. Onderdonk
8.00 P.M. Symposium on Mexican Work in El Paso, conducted by — Floyd Poe, D.D.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9.00 A.M. Devotional Service — Rev. R. R. Shoemaker
9.20 A.M. The Boarding School for Spanish Americans - Supt. J. R. Overmiller
9.45 A.M. Training Teachers for Spanish American Sunday Schools — Rev. J. M. Skinner, Ph.D.
10.10 A.M. The Boarding School as an Instrument for Evangelism — H. A. Bassett, D.D.
10.35 A.M. The Relation of the Mission School to Public School Education — Supt. H. C. Donaldson
11.00 A.M. The Responsibility of Americans for the Education of Spanish Speaking Children in the Public Schools - B. Wrenn Webb, D.D.
11.30 A.M. General Discussion on Education
2.00 P.M. Devotional Service
2.15 P.M. Parish Evangelism — Rev. Otto J. Scheibe
2.40 P.M. Summer Revivals — F. S. Onderdonk
3.05 P.M. The Tract in Evangelism — J. A. Phillips
3.30 P.M. Social Settlement Work — Miss Emma Brandeberry
4.00 P.M. Americanization and the Development of the Community Spirit — Robert N. McLean, D.D.
7.30 P.M. Song and Prayer
7.45 P.M. Address: The Mexican in the United States, - Our Problem and our Opportunity — A. J. Montgomery, D.D.
8.15 P.M. Address: Christian Strategy on the Mexican Border — MRS. J. W. Downs.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9.00 A.M. Devotional Service — Mrs. Effie L. Cunningham
9.20 A.M. Reports of Committees
a. Interdenominational Paper
b. Interdenominational Training School
c. Findings
Discussion and Business.
11.30 A.M. Communication from Dr. Samuel G. Inman
11.45 A.M. Address by the Representatives of the Joint Committee on Spanish Speaking Peoples in the United States.
2.00 P.M. Meeting of the Joint Committee.

Announcement

The Annual Meeting of the Interdenominational Council on Spanish Speaking Workers in the Southwest will be held in El Paso, Texas, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 5, 6 and 7, 1922. The program is attached.

Meeting Place

Presbyterian Church, corner of Mesa Street and Yandell Boulevard, El Paso.

Hotels Recommended

The Paso del Norte, rates $2 up (This is the largest hotel in the city.)
Hotel McCoy, rates $1.50 up.
Each person in attendance arranges directly for his own accommodation.

Further Information

For further information locally write Rev. Floyd Poe, D.D., care of the Presbyterian Church, corner of Mesa Street and Yandell Boulevard, El Paso, Texas.

General Statement

Several Board Secretaries have indicated their intention to be present. As many Secretaries as possible should arrange to come and each Board is urged to plan for the attendance of its superintendents in the work and missionaries.